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2. In autumn 1950, while work on several huts and on the fence was in progress, quarters were occupied by about 300 men and 40 to 45 tanks. The shoulder-boards of the soldiers were marked with 12-inch, black, cloth letters. The tanks were estimated to have been approximately two meters in height, 6.5 meters in length, and two meters in width. On the sides of each tank, there were six bogie wheels, each with a diameter of about 60 to 70 centimeters. The front and rear sections of the turrets were steeply sloped; particularly in the front. On the top of each turret was located a rod-aerial about one meter high. Every tank was manned by a crew of four men and armed with an eight- or nine-centimeter gun. This gun was characterized by a muzzle brake and a barrel five meters long. Each tank had a removable side plate Groups of 10 or 11 tanks painted in the same color: white, red, or yellow. 25X1
3. The grounds covered by the hutment quarters were located on the south side of the road from Rositten (N 54-28, E 20-27) to Klein Degen (N 54-27, E 20-32). The area was shaped in the form of a right triangle, with dimensions of 300 meters by 300 meters by 450 meters, and was surrounded by a two-meter high barbed wire fence. See sketch No. 2, located at the end of the enclosure (see sketch No. 1) by the 70th Army. 25X1
4. Soviet barracks at the NW entrance to Bagrationovsk (Preussisch Eylau; N 54-27, E 20-39) on the north side of the road from Rositten (N 54-28, E 20-34). All of the barracks were of like dimensions, approximately 50 meters long by 20 to 25 meters wide by 12 meters high, and each building had two rows of windows. 25X1

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Double sentries were stationed at the entrance gate, located between the first two barracks (see sketch No. 3). [redacted] the sentries had red tabs. In the barracks yard, [redacted] many three-ton trucks, [redacted]

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[redacted] the road from Gallehnen was called Timosh (Timoshenko) Strasse by the Soviets. The site of the workshop covered a quadrangular area of about 125 meters by 50 meters surrounded by a barbed wire fence, 2.5 meters high (see sketch No. 4). [redacted] a Soviet military machine tractor was brought to the workshop. Among other forms of machinery brought in, there were also drilling, grinding, and milling machines, lathes, equipment for a smithy and for a joinery, as well as various spare parts for trucks of the SJS type [redacted] and for other motor vehicles. [redacted] the workshop had been equipped and put into operation, but only at partial strength. Consequently, when at first a total of about 50 men, both Soviet soldiers and civilians, were employed [redacted]

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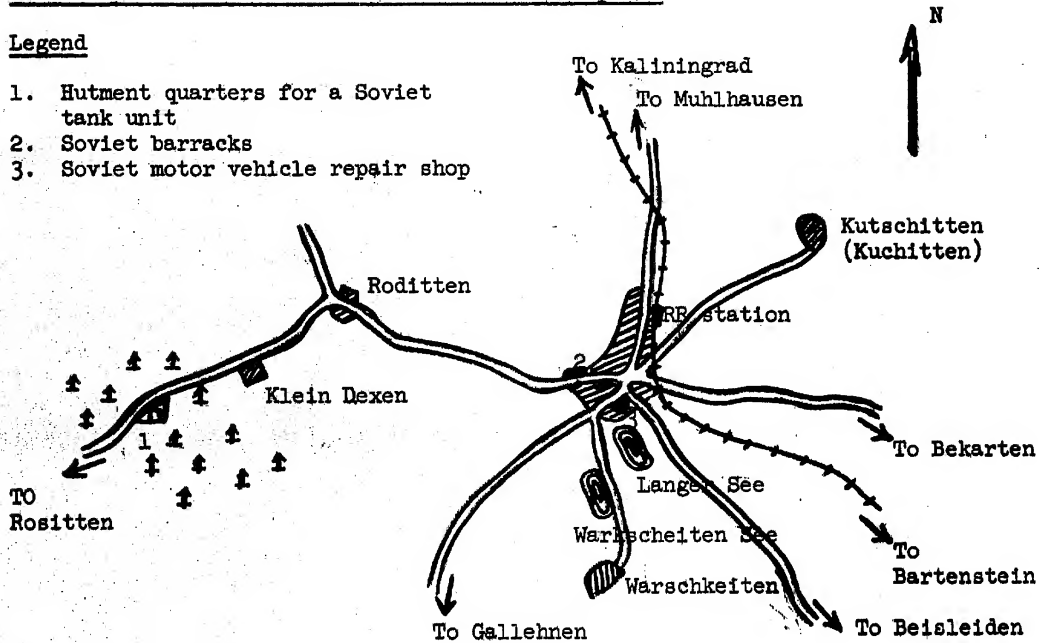
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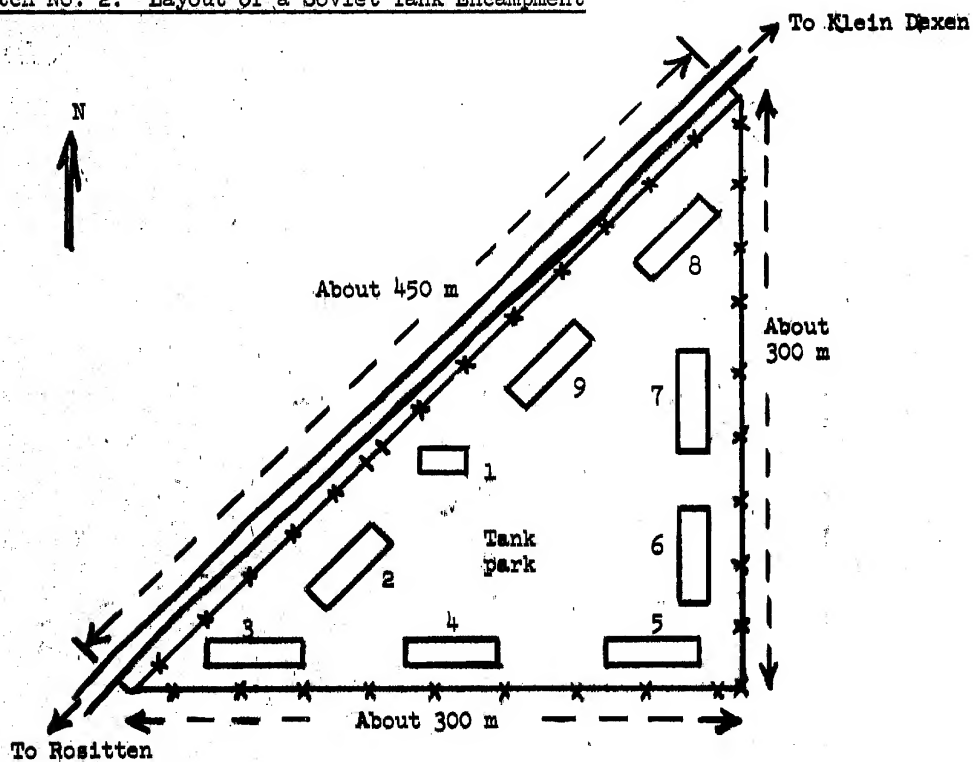
Sketch No. 1: Location of a Soviet Tank Encampment

Legend

1. Hutment quarters for a Soviet tank unit
2. Soviet barracks
3. Soviet motor vehicle repair shop



Sketch No. 2: Layout of a Soviet Tank Encampment



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Legend for Sketch No. 2

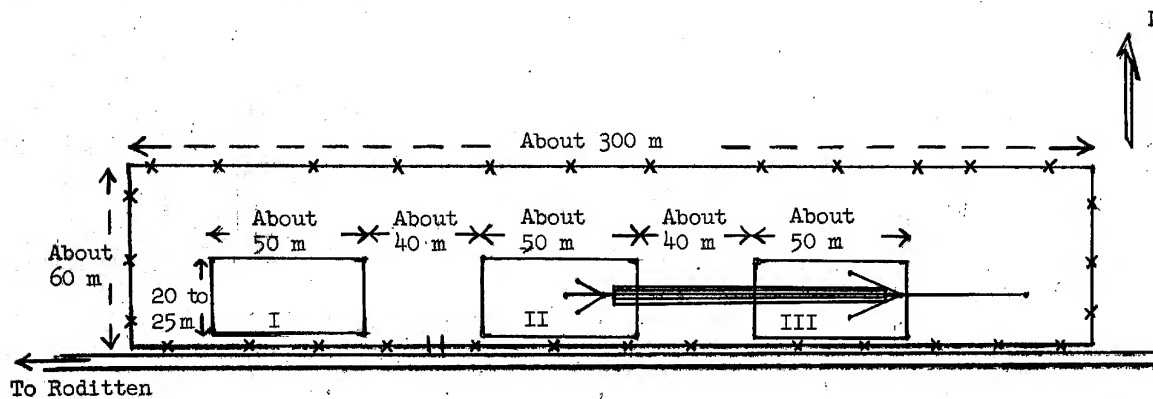
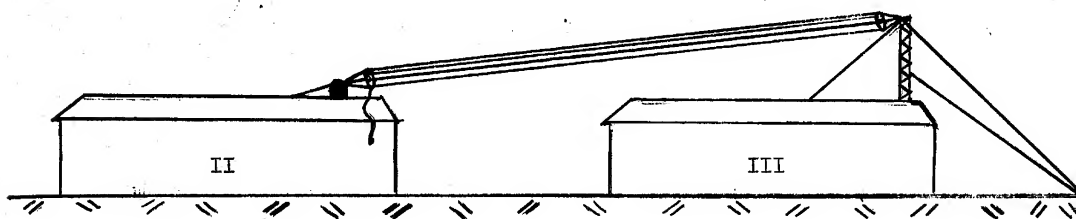
1. A rebuilt forester's house: This building is about 25 meters long by 12 meters wide by 6 meters high, with the long side running east-west, and has one row of windows. Inside, there are officers' quarters and an eight-man guard. A double wire telephone line runs from the house to Bagrationovsk. Opposite the house, there is an entrance gate at which a sentry is stationed.
- 2-9. Wooden huts: Each hut is built on a stone foundation and is about 50 meters long by 12 meters wide by 4 meters high. Hut No. 2 has eight to ten rooms which are used for offices and also has a double wire telephone line running to Bagrationovsk. Huts Nos. 3-9 are men's quarters, with two small rooms placed at the ends of each hut and six rooms of equal size located in the middle of each hut.

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Sketch No. 3(A): Plan of Soviet BarracksSketch No. 3(B): Profile of Barracks Nos. II and III and AntennaeLegend for Sketch No. 3(B)

Barrack No. III: A metal trellis-type mast, 15 meters high, is mounted on the roof and is held there by several wires from the mast to the roof and to the ground. This mast is located at the eastern end of the roof.

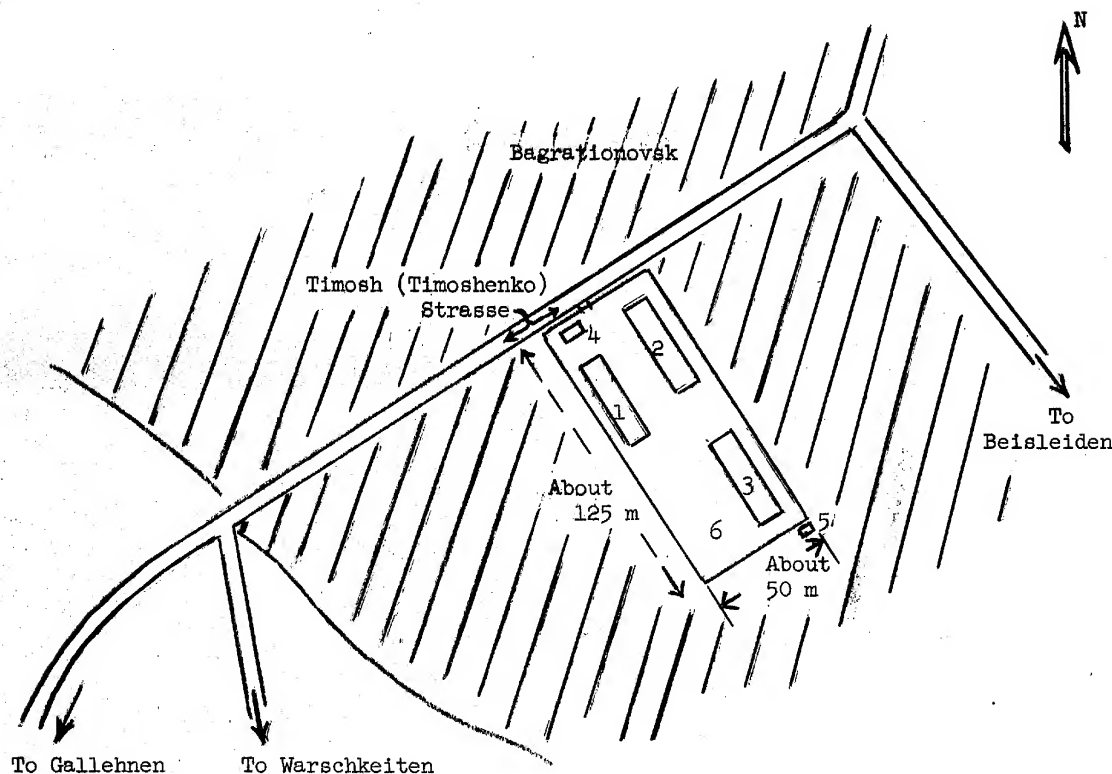
Barrack No. II: A metal mast, one to two meters high, is mounted on the eastern end of the roof. Between this mast and the mast on barrack No. III extends a cylindrical aerial which has a connection running into barrack No. II.

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Sketch No. 4: Layout of a Soviet Motor Vehicle Repair ShopLegend for Sketch No. 4

1. A hall built of rubble, approximately 40 meters long by 12 to 15 meters wide by 6 meters high, and divided into two sections: One section contains a spare parts store; the other section, a smithy. Two office rooms are located in the northern section.
2. A hall built of rubble, identical in size to No. 1, and also divided into two sections: One section contains various machines which are set up; the other section, a joiner's shop.
3. A hall built of rubble, identical in size to No. 1, and also equipped with machines. The hall was half empty.
4. A wooden hut, approximately six meters by five meters in size, which contains a works and gate guard room, occupied by six Soviet civilians.
5. A wooden hut, approximately four meters by four meters, contains the second guard-room, and was occupied by three to four Soviet civilians. The hut is located at the southeast corner of the barbed wire enclosure, outside the fence.
6. A parking lot, constructed of rubble, where damaged Soviet military trucks are stored.

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